



❖ MCKINLEYVILLE HOUSING

Consensus forged in subdivision appeal

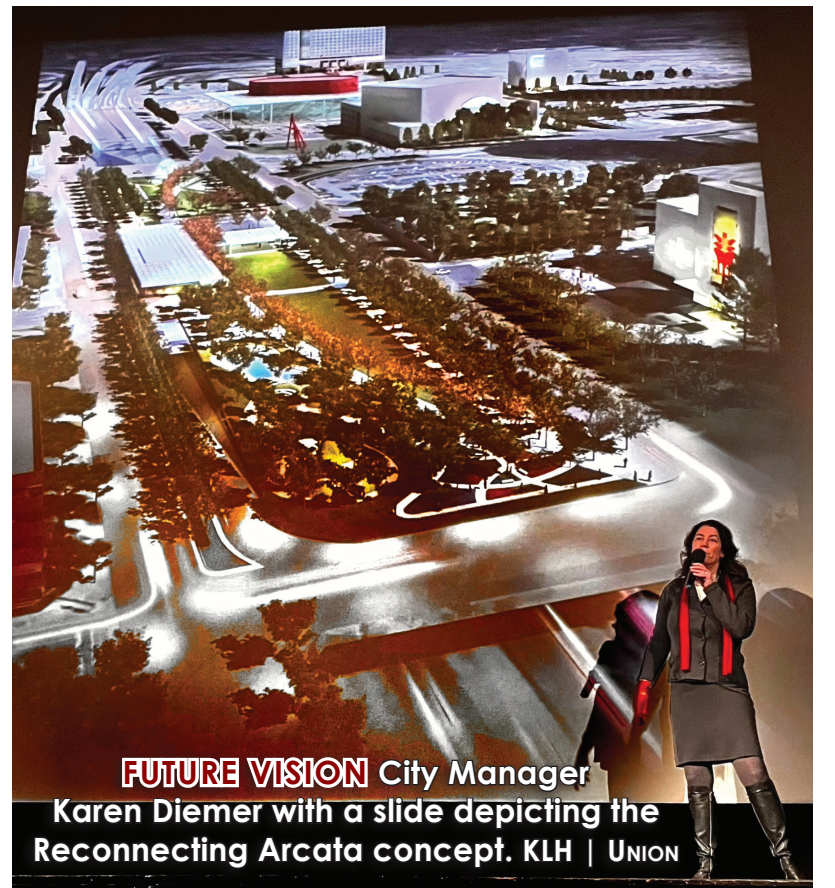
Daniel Mintz
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MCKINLEYVILLE – Balancing acute need for housing against the neighborhood effects of dense development, the Board of Supervisors found a way to approve a controversial McKinleyville subdivision. The project, originally approved with 61 units, emerged from a Jan. 26 appeal hearing reconfigured to 56 units in a compromise that the appellant's spokesperson, Laura Peterson, and the developer, McKinleyville resident Dane Valadao, both agreed to. It seemed an appeal decision was destined to draw litigation until late in the

six hour-plus hearing, when Board Chair Rex Bohn successfully orchestrated consensus by having both sides meet with county staff during two breaks. After those confabs, the permit appeal was denied and the project was approved in a form that the residents of the Pickett and Gwin roads neighborhood can live with. They were disappointed last November, when a majority of the county's planning commission approved the project's permit. During the appeal hearing, residents of the area reiterated their concerns. Speaking for their group, the Coalition for

SUBDIVISION ❖ PAGE 3

Surprises abound at Arcata State of the City 'Reconnecting Arcata'

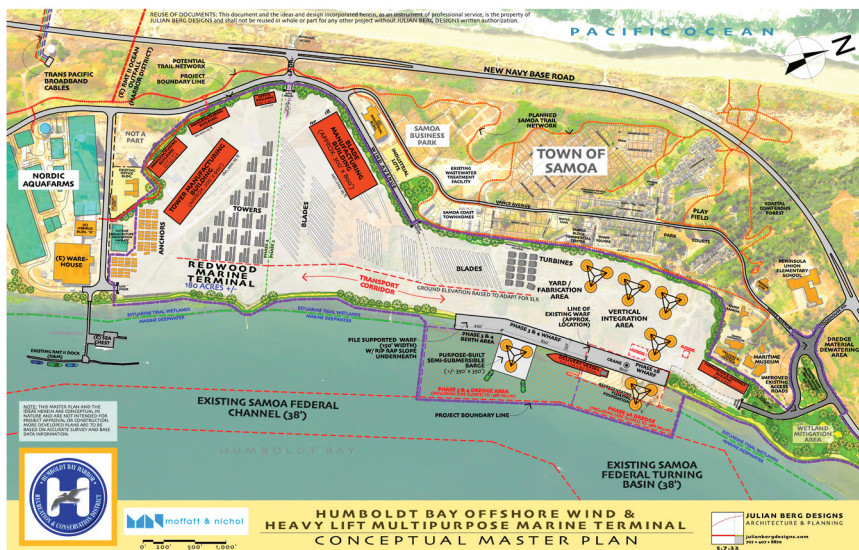
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ARCATA – Arcata's annual State of the City event at the Minor Theatre is part performance review and part progress report, but principally a pageant for the powers-that-be to put a positive spin and to some extent, their personal imprimatur on the city's forward progress in turbulent times. And it was not without surprises – a new, Cal Poly-operated store and café for Craftsman-area residents and students, a \$25 million pair of roundabouts for the odious Sunset/L.K. Wood/101 interchange, closure of the Plaza to vehicular traffic during the Farmers' Market and most audaciously, a billion-plus dollar, multi-acre land bridge – essentially a whole new neighborhood – created on a massive platform installed over the freeway between the university and Arcata Heights. Subtler excitations were to be had in more routine but nonetheless positive initiatives. Put on by the Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Minor Theatre and Redwood Capital Bank (RCB), the event featured Meredith Matthews, chamber executive director; Michael Fisher, associate vice president of Facilities Management at Cal Poly Humboldt; and Karen Diemer, Arcata city manager. STATE O' ❖ PAGE 2



FUTURE VISION City Manager Karen Diemer with a slide depicting the Reconnecting Arcata concept. KLH | UNION



MARINE TERMINAL GETS \$427M GRANT
HEAVY LIFT An array of dignitaries turned out for the grant ceremony. Below, the planned terminal. PHOTO BY MATT FILAR | UNION; IMAGE VIA HBHRC



HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HUMBOLDT BAY – The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District is thrilled to announce the receipt of a \$426,719,810 grant from the Federal INFRA grant program to support development of the "Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project" at the Redwood Marine Terminal site on the Samoa Peninsula. More about the proposed project can be found at humboltdbay.org/humboldt-bay-offshore-wind-heavy-lift-marine-terminal-project-3. It is a remarkable honor for the Harbor District to receive federal funding for con-

TERMINAL ❖ PAGE 3

CSU strike ends quickly

MAD RIVER UNION
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – A strike that sent sign-bearing Cal Poly Humboldt faculty members into the street over the weekend ended abruptly a week ago Monday with a settlement between the CSU system and the California Faculty Association (CFA).

STRIKE ❖ PAGE 7

ENDORSEMENTS FOR MARCH 5 ELECTIONS

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State 0’ | ‘Never a dull moment’

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Chamber check-in

As attendees gorged on a stunning array of Los Bagels pastries provided by RCB, eight-month ED Matthews kicked off the presentation with a review of the Arcata Chamber’s status, services and initiatives.

“There’s never a dull moment in Chamberland,” Matthews said, and she brought receipts in the form of slides listing the dizzying whirl of social and business-promotion events the organization has mounted over the last year. These include monthly mixers, media appearances, student mentorships, field trips, near-weekly ribbon cuttings, its Business for Breakfast edu-series plus special events like Dia de los Muertos, the Fourth of July Jubilee, Arcata Bay Oysterfest, Halloween on the Plaza and the Season of Wonder and Light, all with a zero waste goal in mind. Upcoming is the Annual Chamber Awards Dinner, and still more 2024 events are in the making.

Among 2023’s events were some previously put on by the now-defunct Arcata Main Street, which was absorbed by the Chamber last October. “I think the community thought it a little duplicative to have two entities that kind of almost did the same thing,” Matthews said. “And so the stars aligned, and this was the right time.”

She said the Chamber, with its expanded staff and new board members, will bring Mainstreet’s downtown merriment to other areas of town to “capture all of Arcata.”

The Chamber has introduced new membership tiers, each

with a host of benefits, and boasts dozens of new members.

City of Arcata

City Manager Karen Diemer began her segment with a heads-up on Arcata’s General Plan 2045, a 20-year blueprint for development and design. Its long-awaited Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now available at cityofarcata.org/1067/Environmental-Impact-Report and at the Arcata Library, kicking off the draft plan’s final review phase.

Driving the still-forming plan, she said, is a huge push for housing creation and home ownership opportunities by making the most of infill development about town. Key to that is the Gateway Area Plan (GAP), which targets the Gateway Area for mixed-use infill. Other “opportunity zones” around town will see similar development standards with the intent of creating habitat for the expanding population.

“Finding ways for affordable home ownership is the number one topic that has come up in this community,” Diemer said.

The Gateway Area, she said, is the only part of town where buildings taller than four stories are being considered. Infill plans for other opportunity zones will come about only after extensive community scoping in those areas, and not for years.

Other leaps forward include the \$64 million, three-year overhaul of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with conversion to ultraviolet (UV) water disinfection. That process, developed with Cal Poly scientists, has supplanted the hazardous and residue-rich chlorine treatment previously used.

Other improvements include Carlson Park, the new boat launch at the Marsh and the new Redwood Park playset.

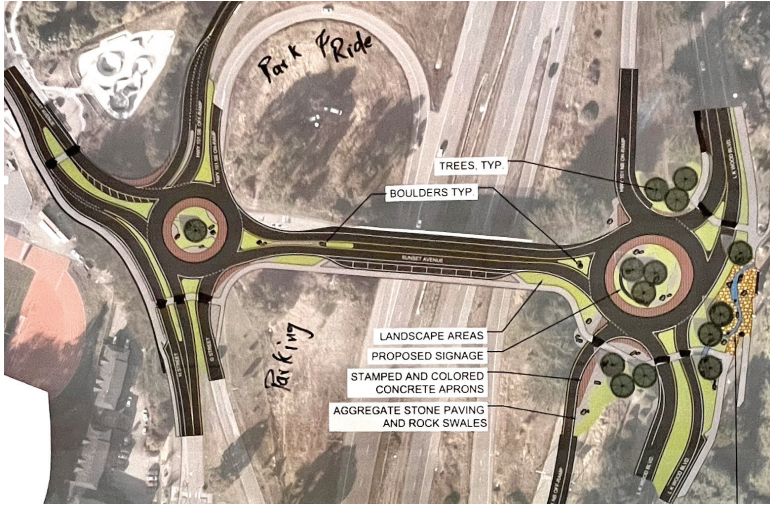
Cal Poly – a construction zone

Our friendly neighborhood polytechnic university is 16 months into a two-year process of deeply evaluating the CPH campus and how well it meshes with the City of Arcata on multiple levels. An open forum to reveal the effort’s findings and engage the community is set for this month, details TBA.

CPH’s Michael Fisher described what’s being done with the whopping \$433 million provided by the state for capital improvement projects. “We’ve been developing those at breakneck speed,” he said.

Fisher described a slew of new buildings popping up to house, educate and support students. Most prominent is the \$200 million, 960-bed Student Housing Project at the Craftsman Mall site. The development, to open in late 2025 and early 2026, will include an indoor, secure bike shelter to house up to 1,000 bicycles. A new convenience store and café, both open to the community, will serve the Eye Street area.

A new Housing, Dining and Health building is to rise on campus; Jenkins Hall is getting a \$12 million renovation; a new \$100 million Engineering and Technology Building will open in fall of 2026; a new \$24 million Energy Research and



SHAPELY SOLUTION A conceptual overview of the double roundabouts now in planning for the problematic, deeply unloved intersection of U.S. Highway 101, Sunset Avenue and L.K. Wood Boulevard. GHD ENGINEERING IMAGE VIA CITY OF ARCATA

Sustainability Building will include 2.5 megawatts of solar energy and a 750 kilowatt battery backup.

“The next two years on campus is going to be busy,” Fisher said, warning of detours and disruption.

Enrollment, which hasn’t met projections, is nonetheless rising, if modestly for now, Fisher said. But several key indicators are headed in the right direction, with enrollment now outperforming state and national trends. CPH is rolling out a host of new programs and majors, and still expects significant growth.

Reconnecting Arcata

Diemer capped the presentation with several announcements. Homeless strategies continue to evolve, and the city is looking for ways to continue funding for Arcata House Partnership, Safe Parking, Extreme Weather Shelters and more.

The equity arcata effort has “done a 180 shift,” she said, from creating its own programs to supporting BIPOC-led initiatives in the community.

Sales tax revenue, while flat, is “holding steady,” she said.

With the Humboldt Bay Trail North complete, the Annie & Mary Trail will now get a lot of attention.

A new Sunset Interchange is in the planning stages for the confusing, hazardous intersection of Sunset Avenue, L.K. Wood Boulevard and U.S. Highway 101. The project, estimated at \$25 million, will eventually replace the current maze of traffic lanes with a pair of roundabouts.

But the most striking of Diemer’s announcements was the “Reconnecting Arcata” project, now only a concept.

“When the highway came through and divided Arcata, it really created a barrier between the east and west sides,” she said. To bridge the divide, a “land bridge” would be constructed over the freeway between 14th and 17th Street to physically reconnect the town.

Many unknowns have yet to be resolved, such as ownership of the new areas, the configuration of the structure’s surface and how it would be paid for.

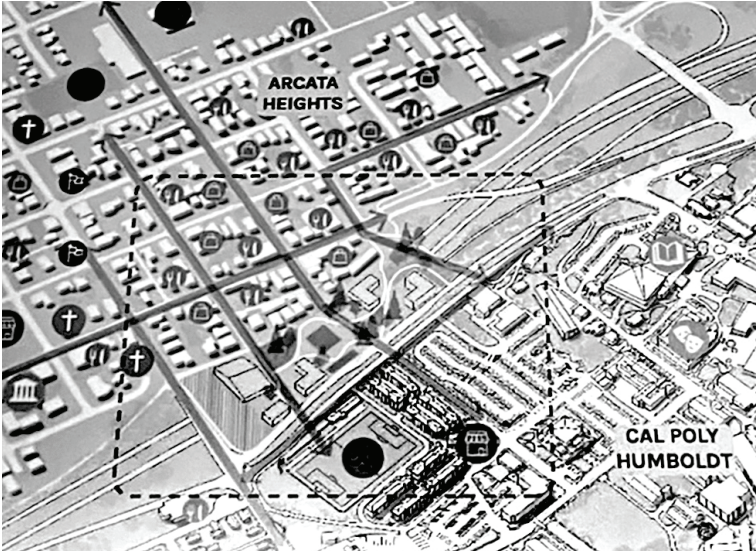
“It will be billions of dollars,” Diemer noted. “But what we learned from the pandemic is that there are billions of dollars out there, and we are going to go for them!” This brought howls of approval and roaring applause.

Reconnecting Arcata echoes a project proposed in 2004 by activist and current Community Ambassador Fhyre Phoenix. His freeway-covering vision foresaw creation of an additional 50 acres for “healing the physical rift,” with a second Plaza, hundreds of units of low-cost housing of diverse styles located in new neighborhoods with bicycle and walking paths, community orchards, recreation areas – and no roads.

Phoenix, who attended the event, was happy to see his audacious dream finally endorsed. “I fully support the City’s plan to re-connect the city’s university and forest-side of the town with the larger residential neighborhoods and business districts,” he said.



Fhyre Phoenix
Speaking at a previous State of the City event



ULTIMATE INFILL A slide from the Reconnecting Arcata presentation appears to show U.S. Highway 101 covered from 14th Street to 17th Street. The new surface space is populated with mixed-use facilities, including residences, businesses, parks and even water features. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

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1 Heron or flamingo

6 Vaulted recess

10 "Arf!" equivalent

14 Positive pole

15 Palindromic time

16 Skin soother

17 Pub offering

18 Treat, as meat

20 For each person

22 Pumps and clogs

23 Have a bug

24 Evaluate

26 Glasgow's home

31 Pressured, with "on"

35 Crafted on a loom

36 Bird in a holiday song

38 Ginger ____

39 Pitching style

40 Fly catcher

41 Albania's north-ern neighbor

43 Force

44 As originally placed

45 Ones who have class

47 Shoe style

49 Nothing

50 Like new dollar bills

53 Without consideration

59 Tipping point

61 Dance around, as an issue

62 Lascivious look

63 Qatar's continent

64 Twilled fabric

65 Jury member

66 Lean (on)

67 Took a shot at

DOWN

1 Big stinger

2 Neat anagram

3 Way out

4 What teachers do

5 Consumers' price

6 Nay sayer

7 Yeats or Keats

8 Whale finder

9 Call off

10 ICBM part

11 Varied mixture

12 Move like molasses

13 Bank charges

19 Respect

21 Record sales status

25 Versatile

26 Mystic

27 List introducer

28 Hot spots

29 Artist's subject

30 Bottom of the barrel

32 Bad kind of situation

33 Calendar entry

34 Unpaid bills

37 Like some apples

39 Frame jobs

42 Bettor's adviser

43 Keep promises

46 Dump, as stocks

48 Prize money

50 Hoofbeat sound

51 See red

52 Vacation destination

54 Picture holder

55 Traveling

56 Madras dress

57 Periphery

58 Monopoly card

60 La Brea goo

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LOCATION The Valadao subdivision. COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT IMAGE

Subdivision | Compromise

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Responsible Housing, Peterson said the project’s exceptions, including for parking requirements, maximum building size and setbacks, and solar shading, have “no legal basis.”

She described the appeal as a bid to improve the project. “We’re not against housing and this appeal is not about NIMBYism, it’s about our belief that you can have both housing and beauty simultaneously,” she said.

Valadao emphasized that the project site has long been zoned for higher-density housing and has “been through at least three general plan updates without concern.”

Zoning for the 2.47-acre project parcel, which is at 1820 Pickett Road near the Central Avenue intersection, allows up 30 units per acre.

He described his plans as well-fitting. “This is the definition of infill and it’s well-located for walkability purposes,” he said, noting a nearby bus stop, restaurants, the McKinleyville Senior Center and the formative town center project.

Valadao’s affordable housing project consists of a mix of apartments, townhomes, and five single-family homes. With apartment rents at \$900 for one-bedroom units and \$1,400 for the townhomes, the project fills a need that’s increasingly urgent.

“We need housing more than ever,” said Valadao. Later, he re-emphasized the point by saying “people are begging for it.”

But neighborhood opposition took the floor during a public comment period. Nearby residents described the project as “densely packed,” in need of a design review process, short on necessities like parking spaces and with “monolithic” two-story building heights and traffic impacts.

The hearing had been set for the Jan. 23 supervisors meeting but an agenda glitch bumped it to later in the week. But supervisors took public comment and Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone responded to it favorably.

He said a more formal design review process should have been done.

“I am just really gonna implore this board to think about the community, not from the county’s perspective but from the community’s perspective,” he continued. “Yes, we all need housing and I have not met a single person who’s opposed to developing this property and this housing, it is a question of density, it’s a question of solar access, parking and onsite drainage control.”

He urged his colleagues to consider “how we as a board can consider the community’s input and create housing but do it in a way that does not create all kinds of impacts on that neighboring community.”

At the second hearing Madrone made a motion to continue it to allow referral to a design review committee he’s forming.

Planning Director John Ford said doing so is allowed but “would be adding a new process” and his department is “concerned” about it. Madrone’s motion failed to gain a second.

After a lot of discussion, Bohn’s direction for the staff/applicant/appellant huddle was taken up and made some headway.

When the hearing resumed, Ford said an “uncomfortable consensus” was forged, with agreement on reducing the height of buildings on four lots to one-story, reconfiguring the buildings along the west side of the project site to have minimum 15-foot separations and adding a drainage swale along Gwin Road.

More discussion and a second break for talks ensued, yielding further compromise – removing a townhome from one lot to create more greenspace and forming an assessment district for maintenance and improvement of Gwin Road.

Appreciating the teamwork, Madrone motioned to deny the appeal and approve the project with the changes.

An amendment to allow two-story entitlements to the height-reduced units after 10 years was added, as all other one-story single family homes in the area are allowed to add second floors.

Supervisors unanimously approved the motion and its amendment.

Once contentious, the subdivision saga ended with Peterson praising “Dane’s effort to compromise with us” and Bohn saying, “That’s why you work with a young local contractor/developer who’s trying to better his family – because we can do things like this, thanks.”

Rep. Huffman visits slumping Scenic Drive

Cheryl Kelly
TRINIDAD MAYOR

TRINIDAD – Congressman Jared Huffman visited Trinidad the morning of Wednesday, Jan 24 at the behest of Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, to survey the recent storm damage and on-going slumping on Scenic Drive.

Joining Huffman and Madrone were local officials from State Senator Mike McGuire’s office, Humboldt County, the City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria, California Coastal Conservancy, Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT), Friends of Scenic Drive, and Caltrans.

The group met at Houda Point, then walked north on Scenic to evaluate the recent landslide and to view the culvert at Luffenholtz Creek. The culvert under Scenic was discussed as a barrier to steelhead passage for the last 100 years.

In his remarks to the assembled group, Madrone shared the fact that Scenic Drive (Highway 1 at that time) was transferred in 1967 from Caltrans to the County as the State was building Highway 101. At that time, Madrone said, the estimated repairs on Scenic were more than \$15 million. The county received no funds from the State, and the current es-

timate to repair and stabilize this road is estimated at over \$40 million.

Madrone said that Scenic Drive has been placed on HCAOG’s list for consideration of funding. In addition to Huffman’s support, he is also seeking backing from the State and Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Jim Wood where possible.

Others spoke of Scenic Drive’s value to the region and Madrone described it as “our Pebble Beach Drive.” Peter Co-han, representing the Friends of Scenic Drive, a grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of Scenic Drive, passed around a fact sheet on Scenic Drive but suggested that taking in the amazing views and natural beauty was the best way to really appreciate the true value of the road’s access.

If funding is found, the initial phase of work would require an engineering assessment of the costs of stabilization, Madrone went on to explain, then final plans and permits would be acquired with a third phase involving actual construction.

Huffman thanked the group for the opportunity to see the situation and acknowledged the value and specialness of the area.

Movie films, lighthouse opens, beach runs, monument partners

Thomas Pynchon’s 1997 novel, *Vineland* is being filmed at Trinidad and other area locations this month. Derek Bond, location manager, has become well acquainted with City staff, businesses and residents in organizing places for filming around The Eatery, Edwards Street, the museum-library and elsewhere.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Sean Penn are featured in the film, which required a rainy, misty backdrop for the moody story set in a 1984 northern California town occupied by some post-1960s counter-cultural refugees.

Derek said that the filming team has received a warm welcome from area residents and that “many of the crew don’t want to leave.”

‘A Valentine’s Evening Celebration of Love’ Feb. 14 at Town Hall

The Trinidad Civic Club will host “A Valentine’s Evening Celebration of Love” with dining and dancing on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Town Hall.

A delicious array of hearty appetizers and desserts will be featured along with a no-host wine and beer bar. A raffle and silent auction with enticing offerings will provide an opportunity to support the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Harbor project while listening to “Songs of Love” tunes curated by the Civic Club.

The Tide Pool High Divers, including Bryce Kenney, Tom Marquette, Tonio Skweir, Dave Deason and Bob Smith, will entertain with country, western and rockabilly music for dancing and listening from 8 to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$25 per person or \$45 for a couple. After Feb. 10, and at-the-door, admission goes up to \$30 for an individual and \$55 for two. Reservations may be made through TicketLeap: t.ly/TCCV-DAY or from trinidadcivicclub.org. For more information, call TCC Co-President Jan West at (707) 677-3655.

In other Trinidad Civic Club news, the program for the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1 will include Valentine card making by members led by Janine Volkmar and Maria Bartlett. Club members and guests are invited to come to the Town Hall at 11:15 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. The lovingly constructed, handmade cards will be delivered to Timber Ridge res-



ON SET Left, Derek Bond, location manager for the filming of Thomas Pynchon’s novel, *Vineland*. Right, setting up a car chase scene starting on Patrick’s Point Drive.



PHOTOS BY PATTI FLESCHER | TRINIDAD TIDINGS

Open Lighthouse Saturday, Feb. 3

Rain or shine, the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 3, courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum volunteer docents. Pedestrian access, about a half mile walk, up Lighthouse Road. Pets on leash please. No vehicular access.

Trinidad Clam Beach Run Feb. 3

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Trinidad Clam Beach Run starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3. The planned 5 3/4 mile route goes from Patrick’s Point Drive near Saunders Park and Janis Court and continues down Scenic Drive to Moonstone Beach, crossing Little River to Clam Beach. However, race officials have suggested

that there could be a last minute change of route. Because of the relentless rain, Little River is higher than normal.

Packet pick-up occurs on Friday, Feb. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Jogg’n Shoppe, 1090 G St., Arcata. Late registration (\$50 and no T-shirt) and pre-paid registrant packet pick up takes place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall on Race Day. A weather and route update will be available then. Email greatertrinidadchamberofcommerce@gmail.com or go to explore-trinidadca.com/tcbr for updates.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust hosted California Coastal National Monument Partners

TCLT Executive Director Claire Nasr led the quarterly California Coastal National Monument partner meeting last week in the TCLT-Simmons Gallery



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Patti Fleschner

Terminal | Will support offshore wind energy projects up and down the coast

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struction of the proposed Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project. The project is designed to serve as a multi-purpose port facility primarily to support offshore wind throughout the West Coast of the U.S.

This is Humboldt County’s opportunity to be a national leader in addressing climate change, sea level rise, and green site development.

The project will also conclude a decade-long process to clean up a contaminated site, while simultaneously providing high-paying construction and manufacturing jobs.

To date, this project has received the following grants:

- 2020: Humboldt County Headwaters Fund: \$65,000 – Project visioning and conceptual master plan
- 2021: State Lands Commission: \$576,191 – Design/permitting
- 2022: California Energy Commission: \$10,450,000 – Desing/permitting and matching funds
- 2023: MARAD PIDP grant: \$8,672,986 – Design, permitting and baywide master plan
- 2024: Federal Department of Transportation: \$426,719,810

All together, the district has been awarded \$446,483,987 in grant funds to implement what will be the first floating offshore wind port terminal in the western hemisphere and the first offshore wind port project on the west coast of North America.

This latest INFRA grant (\$426,000,000-plus) is administered by the Federal Department of Transportation and will be used to finalize design/permitting and to fund project construction, including access roads, onsite utilities, a 40-acre upland staging site, a 1,200 linear foot wharf and a several acre berth.

The grant also includes:

- \$51,000,000 for environmental restoration;



HARBORMEN Commissioner Greg Dale of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Commissioner, Humboldt Bay Recreation Conservation District, Rep. Jared Huffman and the Fisherman statue.

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• \$1,100,000 for a paved multipurpose trail adjacent to the site;

- \$2,300,00 for an eco-shoreline transition from the bay to the upland site;
- \$10,000,000 for a large on-site solar array to provide renewable energy to the project operations;
- \$1,200,000 for public recreation access (fishing pier, kayak launch or other);
- \$3,000,000 for a dredge material dewatering area; and
- \$6,000,000 for a Community Benefit Program intended to benefit local Tribes, fishermen and nearby residents.

Seeking to address climate change and to revolutionize our energy systems, both the federal and California governments have announced bold goals for offshore wind. In 2022, the Biden Administration announced the goals of deploying 30

gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2030 and at least 110 gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2050.

The State of California is seeking 5 gigawatts by 2030 and 25 gigawatts by 2045. In the past 10 months, port readiness studies have published by BOEM, the California State Lands, and the National Renewable Energy Lab. These three studies concur that a Staging & Integration port terminal project in Humboldt Bay is critical to the ultimate success of achieving State and Federal renewable energy goals.

This project would not have gotten this far without help from a long list of collaborators. “The district is grateful for all the support we have received from our State and Federal partners. As this project moves forward, the District is committed to working with Tribes, fisherfolk, the general community, and other stakeholders to minimize the impacts and maximize the local benefits,” Greg Dale, board president.

The district has been actively working with seven different Tribal governments to understand the perspectives, interests, needs, and concerns of the remarkably diverse Native American peoples that populate our region. The envisioned project has evolved and continues to be improved due to this on-going teamwork with Tribal governments.

The project has also been enhanced due to the participation of many other interest groups, interested parties, and affected community members. We will continue to strive to work with a diverse array of entities to deliver a project that will address climate change, benefit our local communities, and give us all something to be proud of.

The district would like to thank the many partners, allies, and organizations that have supported this project, provided guidance, and/or pushed the district to strive for a development that benefits our community.

See madriverrunion.com for a list of those thanked and acknowledged by the district.

Students: what does nature mean to you?

REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
REDWOOD REGION – Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring its 19th annual Student Nature Writing Contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on “What Nature Means to Me” by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. First-place winners will be published in the chapter’s newsletter, *The Sandpiper*. All winners will be published in a booklet posted at rras.org by mid-May. The contest is held in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. All winning writing pieces will be displayed during the festival (April 19-21) in the Arcata Community Center lobby. Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 20. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. A flyer with complete instructions is posted at rras.org and godwitdays.org, or can be picked up at the Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata after January 31. E-mail questions to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 3. Meet leader Katy Allen at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh plants, history, and/or ecology. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



2023 HONORABLE MENTION, GRADES 9-12 Malia Stafstlien, South Fork High, Anna’s Hummingbird. IMAGE VIA SUE LESKIW

Enter the 21st annual Student Bird Art Contest

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH/REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
HUMBOLDT – For the 21st year, Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. Up to \$650 in prizes may be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another kind of bird that has been seen locally. All entries will be displayed during the festival (April 19-21) in the lobby and hallways of the Arcata Community Center (ACC). Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 20 at the ACC. Color copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June. A flyer containing complete rules to submit entries, plus a list of suggested birds to draw, is posted at godwitdays.org or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Flyers will be mailed to all Humboldt County schools. Artwork may be dropped off at the Interpretive Center (open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 to be judged; no late entries will be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

Dave Couch explains the WWTP upgrade

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH
ARCATA MARSH – Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) on Wednesday, Feb. 7 for its new monthly First Wednesday lecture series. The speaker will be FOAM vice-president and



David Couch

retired wastewater treatment plant operator David Couch. He will cover the progress of the city’s massive wastewater system upgrade and inform attendees about what remains to be done. The talk will start at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St. It will last about one hour, followed by a question-and-answer session. The presentation will be simulcast on Zoom humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/82646444617?pwd=QXUwaDE3UWtjazdMbUsxeE8zWXFrQT09 and eventually uploaded to FOAM’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/@foamfriendsoft-hearcatamar3798. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



NEW DUNES DIRECTOR Suzie Fortner. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Suzie Fortner is new Friends of the Dunes ED

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES
MANILA – After a nationwide search, the Friends of the Dunes Board of Directors is excited to announce that it has selected Suzie Fortner as the organization’s new executive director. Fortner’s background working as a dynamic environmental educator, an innovative program manager, and a highly successful program and operations director for Friends of the Dunes for more than 15 years makes her the most highly qualified executive director that Friends of the Dunes has ever hired. “We are thrilled to welcome Suzie as our new executive director,” said Desiree Davenport, president of the Friends of the Dunes Board of Directors. “She brings a deep knowledge of our community and environment, and a passion for collaborating with people from all backgrounds to advance coastal conservation. We are very lucky Suzie has stepped forward to lead Friends of the Dunes.” When Fortner assumes the role on February 1, she will lead an organization that is currently working on the largest and most ambitious coastal land conservation and native dune ecosystem restoration projects in its 42-year history, as well as a true-to-its-roots nonprofit that brings thousands of Humboldt County kids to explore the coastal environments of Humboldt Bay each year on free field trips. “I’m extremely honored and excited to take on this new role with Friends of the Dunes,” Fortner said. “The mission of the organization is very close to my heart. The work we do connects thousands of people with nature each year and engages our community in the conservation of coastal environments. The dedication of our volunteers, members, and supporters to the protection of Humboldt’s unique and diverse coastal dunes is truly inspiring and I’m grateful to be a part of this community-supported organization.” Fortner has a bachelor of science degree in marine biology from UC Santa Cruz, and a masters degree from Cal Poly Humboldt’s Environment & Community Program, with a focus on nature education. She combines this strong academic background with years of practical, proven experience bringing thousands of students to the dunes for life-changing experiences, while successfully managing complex, multi-partner grants totaling more than \$5 million. “I was thrilled to hear the news of Suzie becoming executive director,” said Leisyka Parrott, California coastal national monument manager for the Bureau of Land Management. “I have worked with Suzie for over 13 years on many successful, collaborative projects with Friends of the Dunes. Her leadership and commitment to the mission and vision of Friends of the Dunes is an asset to all who work with and support coastal conservation.”

“Suzie brings a wealth of knowledge to the executive director position,” said Andrea Pickart, coastal ecologist for the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. “Her friendly demeanor and strong work ethic promise to continue the excellent record of the Friends of the Dunes in coastal conservation.”

Fortner succeeds Mike Cipra, who leaves Friends of the Dunes after serving five years as executive director.

“Suzie is a thoughtful communicator, a natural collaborator and an inspiring leader,” said Mike Cipra. “It has been an amazing experience to work alongside Suzie the last five years and to partner with her to grow our nonprofit’s positive impact. With Suzie as our new executive director, Friends of the Dunes’ future is bright.”

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BEST IN THE WEST Above, Fusion Bites at Sun Yi's Academy. Top right, a steak melt. Right, dumplings. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Chinese, Brazilian & more at Fusion Bites

It is my pleasure to highlight and welcome our newest food truck, Fusion Bites, to Valley West. This business is owned by Ping Zhang and Fabio Silveira. Their truck is located next to Sun Yi's Academy of Tae Kwon Do at 1215 Giuntoli Lane in Arcata. Their menu can be found at thefusionbites.com, and their social media links are at @fusionbitestruck for both Facebook & Instagram.

Be sure to visit this food truck for a unique culinary experience, presented by two wonderful people.

Where did the idea for Fusion Bites come from?

By the time we had the idea of opening a food business, we wanted to have something between two different foods we know the best, Chinese and Brazilian, so that is how we came up with the Fusion Bites name.

We want to offer some dishes that you would eat in China and Brazil, day by day with authenticity. The possibilities of including food from other cultures is also something that we've left open, which will reflect on the meaning of "fusion". We want the adventure to be a cultural experience.

How is it possible to combine Brazilian and Chinese foods?



Pork Sandwich.

Both of our countries are really notorious for street food options and characteristic dishes known to the world. We thought it would impact the experiences of our customers more if we offer both cuisines in one truck.

Other than just presenting new dishes, we also try to exercise the idea of making it, utilizing and combining both cooking, for example, our fried rice is made of the garlic rice from the Brazilian side.

We use certain herbs that are traditionally used by one cuisine for both cuisines, so the flavor is richer.

What specialties and personal favorites have you placed on your menu?

We put a lot of thought into our dishes, there are a lot of small details. We want to bring the popular items from our regional cuisine to people here, and we use the authentic ingredients that are imported directly from China and Brazil in our cooking.

Dishes that were not available before in Humboldt County, you can find at our food truck and enjoy it. For example, fresh made Bao (steam buns), Picanha steak (different cut of beef), cassava flour (gluten free) etc. are on our regular menu.

We also constantly add

special iconic dishes as specials and try to bring new things all the time, for example: Roujiamo (Chinese "burger" made of pork belly), Feijoada from Brazil (traditional pork stew).

We are planning to bring even more new dishes in 2024.

We also made sure to have plenty vegetarian and vegan options, to ensure a positive food experience for all people. Our own Nut Loaf, made of nuts and mushrooms, is one of our most beloved dishes, which is vegan and gluten free.

What is your background in the culinary field?

Ping has been cooking for her whole existence, with a



Gluten-free, vegan Nut Loaf.

really good sense of palate and taste. Fabio graduated from culinary school in Brazil and worked at the best restaurants in Sao Paulo.

Both souls behind this food truck want to share the beautiful local tastes with the community in Humboldt where they call home now.

How did you arrive in Arcata and how long have you been here?

We both love nature, we came from a big country with a lot of people, so Humboldt is a nice change, the ocean, the mountains, one of the most beautiful places on Earth, we believe.



Bao (steam buns).

We love the slow-motion of lifestyle here, to make you enjoy life more. That is another reason we started this food business, because we want local people to enjoy different cuisines without hustling around. Fabio has lived here for six years, and Ping has lived here for over 15 years.

Why did you pick Valley West for your location?

The Academy of Tae Kwon Do represents international culture in its own way, so we thought we would join the force to make this corner of Arcata an interesting spot.

Corey Lewis, the owner of the Academy has been so supportive, we are lucky to have such a community. Soon, people will stop more in Valley West, to experience something unique, something tasty and enjoyable.

What are your future plans for your menu?

We would like to continue to add more items in our menu by working with local suppliers to bring ingredients from China and Brazil. We want to add special items to celebrate regional holidays.

For example, the Chinese Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) is around the corner (Feb 10th), we will be serving a variety of dumplings, which is traditional for New Year, but we will be serving different options of flavors, other than the pork and the vegetarian one.

How are things going so far?

We are so grateful for all the support we received so far. Everyone has been super inclusive, and we are happy with the results. Customers want to try different and new things and are super knowledgeable throughout all the adaptations that we are

going through opening our business.

We are serving at the Tae Kwon Do Academy on Giuntoli Lane Thursday to Saturday, then we serve at the Big Foot Taproom in McKinleyville Sundays and Mondays.

We want more people to taste our food, and we also want to listen to all the feedback, and work for our community. It is a journey that we're happy to walk together with our local people.

Besides cooking, what's your favorite thing to do on the North Coast?

The nature is just so beautiful, we both love exploring. Of course, we love fresh local vegetables and foods, so many talented local crafts people make this place very tasteful.

We often show around farmers' markets and redwood forests to people who come visit from our own countries. After a whole day hiking in the redwoods and hanging out on the beach, nothing can beat a good affordable meal. We want to be part of that daily experience.

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Foster-to-adopt these three plucky pups

Redwood Pals Rescue has a treat for this week. Puppies! Meet Tugg, T-Bone and Tilly.

These three cuties came to the shelter as part of a litter of seven. We know a little about their background as their people had contacted Redwood Pals looking for help just before the puppies turned up "found," hungry and dirty in a box in a different town.

I can hear some of you asking why we didn't pursue some sort of punishment for abandoning these littles. In this case, the best thing we could do for these puppies was to get them into a loving foster home where they had room to play and plenty to eat. Tying them up in the legal system was not going to benefit them.

We are so fortunate to have some great puppy foster homes! All seven of the puppies went to our friends in the Hydesville area where they had a cozy bed, a yard to play in and all the food they could eat. When an opportunity to send some puppies to our partners in Portland came along, we sent four while holding back these three to give them a chance to put on a little more weight.

These three were set to go north as well but the Pacific Northwest recently took quite a beating in their recent ice storm and hasn't quite recovered yet. The pups could wait but they are ready for their forever homes and those could be

right here in Humboldt!

T-Bone is the largest male puppy. He is a shiny black with white markings. He is the most adventurous of the three, happy to explore without his siblings and always using his nose to decide where to go next. He loves being scratched under his neck!

Tugg (aka Tugg Boat) is almost all black, but has chocolate brown ears. His ears are floppy, but does have one that is starting to stand up. Tugg is very calm. He makes a very cute cooing noise to gain your attention. Tugg loves

The puppies are about three-and-a-half months old now. They are cattle dog/mutt mix and currently weigh in at about 20 pounds. They get along well with the resident large breed dog and share a fence with chickens. They are a little on the shy side but love to be cuddled.

The foster reports that they are very quiet and only bark when playing, which I can attest to as their siblings spent a night with me on their way north and they were the quietest puppy guests we have had! The puppies are all learning to walk on a leash. They love exploring the garden and all love fresh carrots and



DOG TOWN
Mara Segal



The three T-pups: T-Bone, Tilly and Tugg.
SHARRON JONES | DOGTOWN

to just lounge around and have his very cute speckled belly rubbed!

Tilly is the female puppy. She is playful and smart. She loves wrestling with her siblings and is always teasing her brothers into chasing her! She walks well on a leash and is always looking back at you to check in. She is very food motivated and is learning sit and stay down quickly.

peas!

The pups are available on a foster-to-adopt basis, meaning their adoptions will be completed when they are spayed and neutered which will be scheduled soon.

To meet the pups, please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

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Single-payer solution

One of the issues that the CSU faculty strike underscores is the fact that a large part of labor negotiations involve the protection of health benefits for employees. This issue repeats itself in just about all labor-management disputes.

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For employers, labor costs include both wages and benefits. So when insurance premiums rise rapidly, wages stagnate. A recent study found that this phenomenon reduced total worker income from 1988-2019 by 5 percent. How much better it would be if the United States had universal health coverage unattached to people's jobs and funded by a unified, publicly financed non-profit health insurance system, also known as Single Payer or an improved version of Medicare. Progressive taxes would replace regressive premium payments made to private for-profit health insurance companies. Unions could then focus on improving working conditions and increasing wages. Studies have revealed that the savings for

individuals, families, businesses and the government would be substantial. Margaret Emerson Arcata

Middle East explained

There is no greater grief than this, that a people who has suffered so hideous a genocide as the Jewish people did under Hitler's regime, should themselves turn around and perpetrate one. Palestinians and Jews share much of the same genetics because remnant Jews – those who did not flee to surrounding territories when the Romans put down the Jewish revolts and destroyed the Second Temple in the first century, and later, Constantine's conversion of the Roman Empire to the Roman version of Christianity in the third century in an attempt to unify his disintegrating empire,

that led to 1,600 years of persecution of Jews as "Christ killers," finally converted to Islam under the Ottomans in the 14th century. The problem seems to be the insistence that everybody kowtow to the same religious beliefs, to the theological speculations we grapple with as microbes on a grain of sand. We have a singular admonition that works whether one is secular or religious: Do not do to another what you would not want them to do to you. This Hillel taught Jesus. End of story. Why does everyone ignore something so simple and straightforward? Generation after generation of fear-grounded, power seeking, hierarchic abuse within the family goes all the way back to the drought and famine-driven migrations of herding peoples out of central Asia and their desperate conquest of the agricultural Mediterranean lands. Is there any way out of this that has been

going on for millennia? The Golden Rule would be a reasonable place to start, get our heads out of the right-wing theological clouds and pay attention to the facts of history and psychology. As Hillel said, "The rest is commentary. Go and study." Margo Gross aka Naomi Silvertree Arcata

Curing January Sicks

Somehow, most of us survived the COVID pandemic however, we are polarized in a political pandemic which metastasized Jan. 6, 2021 when a host of unhealthy hooligans stomped the constitution and infested the heart of the world's most powerful democracy. Be not afraid – healthy Americans will fix the January sickness! John Wiebe Arcata

Measure A: a ruinous blow to Humboldt's small, family farmers

Measure A – a small farm killer

I am writing to urge Humboldt County voters to vote NO on Measure A, the Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. The measure would make small-scale commercial cannabis cultivation essentially unviable in Humboldt County. I served on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors from 2009 through 2016, during which time I was deeply involved at both the local and state level in exploring the potential impacts from the coming legalization of cannabis. Since leaving the board, I have spent the past seven years advising California counties and cities on the development of cannabis regulatory and tax programs, including preparing dozens of fiscal analyses and ballot measure impact reports of citizen initiatives like Measure A. My company works only for public agencies and has no private-sector clients in the cannabis industry. I have not been hired or paid to write this letter. Based on my professional analysis, I believe that Measure A will deal a devastating blow to the small cannabis businesses it purports to want to help. The measure will impose an unrealistically small limit on the size of any new cannabis farms and will deny even the smallest "craft" farmers any opportunity to grow or adapt their operations within Humboldt County. With cannabis prices continuing to fall, small farmers will be assured of making less money every year until they are no longer viable. While I don't believe the initiative is intentionally dishonest, it is grossly uninformed and demonstrates a deep lack of understanding of the cannabis industry and basic economics. The underlying premise of the initiative is that any cultivation site above 10,000 square feet – slightly bigger than a suburban lot – is a large grow. This, alone, is such a gross misstatement of fact as to cast doubt upon the proponents' diligence in crafting the measure.

The average size among all licensed cannabis cultivators in California is over 27,000 square feet, or nearly 3 times what could be permitted under the initiative. There are 93 cultivation businesses in California that are over 100,000 square feet, and nine that are over a million square feet in size, most of them in Southern or Central California. The largest of these companies holds 254 separate licenses covering more than 2.5 million square feet. 10,000 square feet is minuscule in comparison. These truly large cultivation businesses are big enough that they can shape the statewide market, forcing production costs, wholesale pricing and profit margins ever lower in a highly competitive and oversaturated industry. Hobbling Humboldt's craft cannabis growers with arbitrary and unrealistic restrictions will only serve to make them less competitive and quicken their demise. Using standard assumptions for yield, wholesale price and

KEET Candidate Forums

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HUMBOLDT – Get ready for an exciting series of Candidate Forums presented by the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County in collaboration with KEET-TV. These live forums, held on February 5th, 7th, and 12th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., will prepare you for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election, focusing on candidates vying for the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors positions. You can contribute to the discussions! Submit your questions early by emailing leaguehumboldt@gmail.com. Your voice matters, so take the chance to shape the conversation and ask some questions. Take advantage of the live broadcasts on KEET-TV's main channel. Before the forums kick off each night, dial into the action as KEET's phone lines open at 6:45 p.m. Call (707) 445-0811 and have your questions ready to share with the operator. Mark your calendar with the following broadcast schedule: • Monday, Feb. 5: Board of Supervisors Candidates for District 1. Candidates for

this position include incumbent Rex Bohn and challengers Gordon Clatworthy and Gerald McGuire. • Wednesday, Feb. 7: Board of Supervisors Candidates for District 2. Candidates for this position include incumbent Michelle Bushnell and challengers Brian Roberts and Jeana McClendon. • Monday, Feb. 12: Board of Supervisor Candidates for District 3. Candidates for this position include incumbent Mike Wilson and challenger Rogelio "Roy" Gomez. If you miss the live broadcasts, don't worry! KEET will share the recorded broadcasts on its YouTube Channel and *KEET.org/candidateforums*. Redwood Community Radio, KMUD, is set to rebroadcast the LWVHC forums on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8 and 13, airing from 6 to 7 p.m. Tune in to Garberville at 91.1, Eureka at 88.1, Laytonville at 90.3, and Shelter Cove at 99.5. Join us in this informative journey to empower voters and shape the future of Humboldt County. Your participation makes a difference.

❖ LETTERS ON MEASURE A

cost of goods sold (COGS), the maximum allowable 10,000 square foot outdoor grow might be able to clear between \$35,000 and \$50,000 per year after COGS and all other operational costs have been accounted for. This is significantly below Humboldt County's median income of \$58,000. These figures are likely to decline in the near term, conceivably by as much as half. While some craft growers may be able to realize a premium price for exceptional flower this would be, by definition, an exception. The initiative includes some provisions that could theoretically provide environmental benefits, including restrictions on wells, water usage and generators, but many of these regulations already exist. The county's cannabis land use ordinance was largely predicated on the idea of providing an economic incentive for "legacy" growers to bring their operations into compliance, thereby providing an environmental benefit. By contrast, Measure A provides a significant disincentive for further investment. Should the initiative be approved by the voters, it should be assumed that few, if any, of these benefits will ever come to pass as they will only add to the operational costs as prices and margins decline. Measure A would put Humboldt County's small cannabis farms at an extreme disadvantage against large growers elsewhere in the state, rendering them largely unviable in an increasingly competitive industry. I urge Humboldt County's voters to vote NO on Measure A.

Mark Lovelace McKinleyville

Measure A – an epic waste

I'm writing today in opposition to the Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative, now known as Measure A, which is heading to the ballot box on March 5, 2024. I hope that my experience as a local 'regenerative organic' crop inspector might add something helpful to the debate and warn voters that this misleading initiative should be strongly opposed. I'm not going to discuss every policy implication of Measure A – the County staff and local trade association have already done that. I do not grow cannabis commercially or have any financial stake in a cannabis-related business, other than through my employment as a staff inspector for Sun+Earth Certified, a nonprofit, regenerative organic certification program for regulated cannabis and hemp. I am also certified by the Independent Organic Inspectors Association as a national organic program crops and handling inspector, a former Arcata small business owner and yoga teacher, and a single parent to an eleven year-old daughter. Over the past three years, I have conducted over 100 cannabis and hemp farm inspections in Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, Nevada and Sonoma counties, as well as in Southern Oregon and Vermont—the vast majority of which are family-run, and many that are second-generation. I see a wide range of farms in my travels – from dry farms growing a full acre of cannabis, plus acres of vegetables and fruits, (without using a drop of irrigation water) to legacy mountain properties, long-ago established in the hills and brought into compliance through incredible amounts of work and money for remediation. I visit true homestead farms, fully off-grid, with farmers raising children and growing food, along with a variety of herbal medicines. I get to visit every nook and cranny of Humboldt County, with my jaw dropping daily at the unparalleled beauty of Benbow, Briceland, Whitethorn, Willow Creek, Bridgeville, Palo Verde, Salmon Creek and Mattole Valley. I see truly unique and radical approaches to agriculture, soil care, and community-building across our county.

I've met farmers who served time under prohibition, devoting themselves to regenerative organic practices, after calculating how much diesel fuel they had used while sitting in a prison cell. Through my work, I've met engineers, nurses, librarians, physical therapists, teachers, loggers, horticulturists, and forestry activists, plus many mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers. Some of my favorite farms to visit are those of children who have carried on a homestead property and brought them into compliance with local regulations; I once stood in the very spot where a farmer's father had passed away in his garden. I felt like I had been invited into a sacred place, and I could viscerally feel the love that had been poured into this butterfly-filled refuge. I get little snippets of counter-cultural history at every stop I make; I recently visited a second-generation homestead next door to the poet Gary Snyder. Wild stuff! What these farmers have in common is how hard they work, how kind they are, and how much they love working with the land. Since our Sun+Earth standards require community engagement for all certified farms, I see folks who regularly volunteer 20 to 40 hours per week engaging in advocacy, policy, community service, fire service, etc., in addition to maintaining a farm and running a highly regulated business (often on top of raising children and/or grandchildren). They have helped me change a tire, fed me, watered me, and sent me home with honey, popsicles, and organic veggies and fruits. I get tiny gifts in the form of leaves, shells, feathers, bugs, and hugs from the little people our farmers are raising. I recently conducted an inspection with a farmer mother who bounced on a trampoline as she answered my questions to keep a fussy toddler in a dinosaur costume smiling and content. Above all, the people I meet love and care well for their land and their families. I come back from inspection trips tired and a little dusty, but also filled with inspiration and gratitude for my job. I also regularly hear the challenges our licensed farmers face. I see young families under incredible financial pressure who have invested everything, trying so hard to hit a moving target of constantly-shifting regulations and market conditions. Now, they are forced to spend more of their limited time and energy to fight Measure A, a misguided initiative that was developed without any input from the primary stakeholders: the farmers themselves and the county officials who have worked for years to craft sensible regulations. I've heard heartbreaking stories about the loss of dear friends and business partners to suicide. It is hard to imagine any other kind of farmer or rancher putting up with the level of intervention and intrusion the government already imposes on land-owners who legally grow cannabis, and still they continue the difficult work of bringing their operations out of the shadows and into the light. Things are volatile and unpredictable, families are worried and exhausted; but I also hear resilience, pragmatism and a commitment to do whatever they have to do to stay on their land. I see farmers helping each other, sharing resources, knowledge and encouragement. I'm not a policy expert, but the certified farms I visit and inspect know that Measure A is not good for them and will make their lives more difficult. The best way you can help our small-scale Humboldt cannabis farms is by letting them focus on the work of developing their businesses and by purchasing their products, not by implementing more NIMBY regulations. As a property-tax payin' Humboldt County resident myself, I'm more than annoyed by the epic waste of taxpayer resources on Measure A: an impossible-to-implement initiative, which positions itself as a savior for small, family-operated farms, while doing exactly the opposite. It's a wolf in sheep's clothing. Please vote no on Measure A!

Sincerely, Kelly O'Roke Sun+Earth Certified Staff Inspector Arcata

Democrats endorse 'stalwart' Mike Wilson

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
HUMBOLDT – Third District Supervisor Mike Wilson recently received the endorsement of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee in his bid for re-election in the upcoming election on March 5, 2024. "Mike Wilson is a stalwart advocate for Humboldt County. He earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Systems Engineering from Cal Poly Humboldt, established a successful consulting business, and served 11 years on the Harbor Commission. Over the past seven years as county supervisor, Mike has collaborated with the community to address critical issues, such as the development of

affordable housing, the expansion of renewable energy, the enhancement of public transportation and trails, and the improvement of emergency and long-term mental health services," states the endorsement of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee. "Emphasizing climate resiliency and sustainable land use, Supervisor Wilson has worked diligently to protect watersheds, coastline, farmlands, and public access. With a focus on collaboration with community leaders, unions, and Tribes, Mike remains dedicated to preserving vital ecosystems while promoting economic growth through well-paying jobs,

job training opportunities, improved healthcare access, and increased public safety," continues the statement of endorsement. "I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee," said Wilson. "I appreciate the work they do to get people involved in the electoral process." The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee is dedicated to promoting Democratic values, supporting Democratic candidates, and engaging the community in meaningful political discourse. Learn more at VoteMikeWilson.com.

OBITUARY

Charles Clinton 1936 - 2024

Charles Earl Clinton went home to be with Jesus at the age of 87, on Jan. 8, 2024, with his wife, Patti holding his hand. He was born in March 1936, to J.D. and Mamie Clinton in Hochatown, Oklahoma.

In 1956, Charles left Oklahoma upon graduation from Eagletown High School to never again farm. He came out to Roseburg, Oregon, with friends looking for work. After a short period of time, he moved to California and eventually settled in McKinleyville.

Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1959. His basic training was in Ft. Hood, Texas; then he was sent to Ft. Lee, Virginia. He had to leave his dearly loved 1956 Chevy in Hochatown because he couldn't afford the additional car insurance to keep it on base.

When Charles was shipped to Germany, he served in Kaiserslautern and Pirmasens. After released from active duty to serve his remaining time in the Army Reserve, he was recalled, during the Berlin Crisis, and sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington, to complete his remaining service obligations.

Charles worked in the lumber industry for many years before being hired by the City of Arcata and spending his last 23 years as a backhoe operator. He retired from the city in 1998.

Charles loved hunting and fishing. His pride and joy were his two deer mounts, Bucky and Bucky II. He relished showing these to any and all who stepped in our home, including workmen off the street. He prized his North River fishing boat and spent many a day on the ocean fishing for salmon.

Charles was a friend to all in our neighborhood. His family is grateful for the kindness and help he received from our neighbors in his final years. From baked treats, to help around the property and chopping wood, we knew they were quick to make themselves available.

Charles especially enjoyed the time he spent with his son Mike. He loved



Mike with all his heart and wanted to see him or talk to him every day. Mike was always available to help him with every need.

Charles was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Daniel (J.D.) Clinton and Mamie Clinton, and his seven siblings: Joseph Clinton, Janelle Penner and spouse Deryle, Marvena Shelley and spouse Jerry, Beatrice Smith and spouse Ken, Inez Hudson and spouse Bennie, Patsye Roberts, Nelda Coulter and spouse Howard, his aunt Vivian Johnson, his nephew Daniel Shelley; and good friends Bill Hogan, Al Benham and Jim Dimmick.

Charles is survived by his wife Patricia Clinton of 38 years, his son Michael Clinton (Katrina) of McKinleyville, his daughter Earline Pickens of Locksburg, Arkansas; his step-sons Walter Butterfield (Jamie) of Haiku, Hawaii, and Chris Butterfield (Dawn) of Hillsboro, Oregon; his grandchildren Nichole Zubiri (Cameron), Haley Gentry, Taylor Butterfield, Dana Butterfield, Jacob Butterfield, and Alyssa Kramer; his great-grandchildren Walker Zubiri and Kannon Kramer; his brother-in-law Jerry Roberts; numerous nieces and nephews; and his best buddy Earl Dimmick.

Charles spent his final days in Mad River Community Hospital surrounded by his loving family. In fact, he was moved to a larger room to accommodate us. The family wants to thank the caring support that Charles and family received from the staff at MRCH.

To abide by Charles's wishes ("no big to-do"), a private family service was held for Charles at New Heart Community Church on Jan. 21, 2024. His ashes will be spread at his favorite hunting and fishing places.

OBITUARY

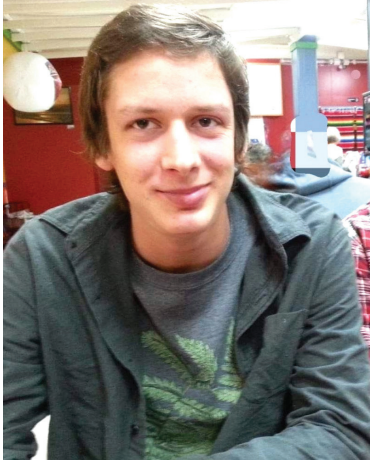
Thomas Nathan Shorey

Thomas Nathan Shorey, 31, of Valdez Alaska, passed away in an accident while working on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

Tom grew up in Humboldt County. He spent his childhood with his sister, Chelsea, and treasured cousins Matt, Russ, and Andy, racing through the woods, camping, hiking, and fishing.

Tom loved the natural beauty of the world and found immense joy in being outside. Tom had as much love for animals as he did for the outdoors. While working in Washington as a timber cruiser, he found two black lab puppies abandoned in the woods, brought them home, and named them Max and Ralph.

He was a gifted musician,



and could teach himself to play any instrument he picked up within a few hours.

Tom moved to Valdez, Alaska, where he grew a beautiful family with his partner, Abbiegail Murphy. Together they had two boys, Joseph, age 4, and

Shaun, age 2.

Raising his two boys was his greatest joy and accomplishment in life. Tom's passing was preceded by his loving grandparents, Vickie and Gene Coda and Patrick Dempsey, his beloved Auntie Caron, and his loyal dog Ralph.

He is survived by his partner Abbiegail, sons Shaun and Joseph, parents, Liz and Russell, sister Chelsea, uncles Chuck, Tom, and Hal, aunts Jackie, Diane, and Anita, and cousins Matt, Emma, Russ, Andy, Julie, Jesse, Melissa, Riley, and Grady, as well as many dear friends and loved ones.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 18th at 1:00 pm at the Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main St., Fortuna, CA 95540.

Strike | Settled

FROM PAGE 1

The CFA was quick to boast of its accomplishment, stating on X (Twitter): "After months of negotiations, our movement for a #betterCSU has paid off! Our members have won a Tentative Agreement with @calstate that includes raising the floor for our most vulnerable faculty, safer workplaces and expanded parental leave."

"I am extremely pleased and deeply appreciative that we have reached common ground with CFA that will end the strike immediately," said CSU Chancellor Mildred García. "The agreement enables the CSU to fairly compensate its valued, world-class faculty while protecting the university system's long-term financial sustainability. With the agreement in place, I look forward to advancing our student-centered work — together — as the nation's greatest driver of social mobility and the pipeline fueling California's diverse and educated workforce."

The CFA represents about 29,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors and coaches employed at the 23 CSU universities, including CPH.

According to a CFA statement, the tentative agreement includes a 5 percent retroactive general salary increase, another 5 percent salary increase, raising the salary floor for the lecturer A and B positions by \$3,000, a salary step increase



MARCHERS CPH faculty members. MATT FILAR | UNION

of 2.65 percent for the fiscal year 2024-25, increased parental leave from six to 10 weeks, protections for faculty who interact with police, improved access to gender-neutral bathrooms and lactation spaces and an extension of the CFA's current contract until June 30, 2025.

While some salary hikes are contingent on sustained CSU funding, the union stated on X that, "The contingency language in the TA requires only that the state not cut overall base funding to the CSU. The Governor released his draft budget on January 10 which has already committed to maintaining funding for the CSU."

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ATLANTIS RECORDING COMPANY 265 E 11TH STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 870 ARCATA, CA 95518 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CHRISTOPHER A REYNOSO 265 E 11TH STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S / C H R I S T O P H E R REYNOSO OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 22, 2024 JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXCELLENT YARD CARE 1505 F ST. UNIT A EUREKA, CA 95501 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT SEVENIUNA FREGOSO 1505 F ST. UNIT A EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S / SEVENIUNA FREGOSO OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 7, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES SC/DEPUTY CLERK 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00015

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 101 PLUMBING HUMBOLDT INC. 1136 EVERDING STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 P.O. BOX 663 EUREKA, CA 95502 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 101 PLUMBING HUMBOLDT INC. CA 6014109 P.O. BOX 663 EUREKA, CA 95502 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S /ISAACA KENNEDY CEO/PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 9, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7

NOTICE: To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: This notice is given to any and all parties, persons, legal entities, municipalities, companies, corporations who wish to contract with or have claim(s) against the organization: LILY HELEN KO LIVING ESTATE TRUST; Neither the trustee, beneficiary, or associated agent(s) are liable for any claim(s) brought against said organization; Any and all business or contract affairs must be directed to the organization contact: Ko, Lily Helen trustee via "Registered Mail" only—all other mailings will be void and returned; Contact: LILY HELEN KO LIVING ESTATE TRUST, care of Ko, Lily Helen trustee, 2222 Cleveland Avenue #1040, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOANNA REGINA TONKIN CASE NO.: 2300363 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOANNA REGINA TONKIN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ARTHUR "PETE" TONKIN, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: ARTHUR "PETE" TONKIN, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important

actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: FEB. 1, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM Dept.: 4 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account

as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. TIMOTHY J. WYKLE MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP 100 M STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 442-3758 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER:CV2301866 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: CALISA HOLM dba REDWOOD CREEK RANCH, and DOES 1 to 50.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta

citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos extensos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): GUBLER & ABBOTT 1110 N. Chinoweth St. Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 625-9600 Meara Hattan, Clerk Deputy, Sherree M. Date: Dec. 1, 2023 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ALYSSA NOEL KLYM-KIW-EISMAN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2400049 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: ALYSSA NOEL KLYM-KIW-EISMAN to Proposed name: ALYSSA NOEL GREEN 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 15, 2024 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: JAN. 11, 2024 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING February 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the City of Arcata Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on February 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. on the proposed Design Review Permit for the installation of security gate on a building located in the Arcata Plaza Historic District. The Planning Commission has returned to in-person hybrid meetings. The City Council asks that when attending meetings, persons socially distance as best as they can and be courteous to those who continue to wear a mask. Project Description: The proposed project includes the installation of a scissor gate near the building's front entrance. Design Review is required for exterior alterations to existing buildings located Arcata Plaza Historic District. The gate will remain open during business hours. Project Location: 887 and 893 H Street, on the southwest corner of H and 9th Streets, Arcata

Assessor's Parcel Number: 021-102-020 Application Type: Design Review Permit Property Owner and Applicant: Alexandra Stillman Trust AGENT: Kelly Carlin Date of application: January 2, 2024. File Number: 234-019-DR Zoning / General Plan: Commercial – Central with Arcata Plaza Historic District and Plaza Area Combining Zone Coastal Zone: Not in Coastal Zone. Environmental: Proposed Class 1, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemptions. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St, Arcata on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact person: Joe Mateer, Senior Planner, 707-825-2139. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will consider public comment, and the entire public record on the project, prior to making any decision. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this action

is appealable to the City Council. In compliance with \$9.76.030 of the City's Land Use Code, any aggrieved person who, in person, in writing, or by representative, informed the City of their concerns at or before the hearing or decision may appeal a final action by the review authority. Appeals must be filed within 10 business days following the date of the action by filing an appeal, along with the applicable fee.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to \$1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."

HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING:

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person or participate on-line. See the agenda for the Zoom link and dial-in number which will be released at least 72 hours before the meeting is held. Go to www.cityofarcata.org and click on "See Live Meetings, Agendas & Archives." Select "Planning Commission" from the Meeting Group list and click on the link to the meeting agenda you would like to view. Requests for accessible meeting accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person to give their comment, or before the meeting by sending an email to jmateer@cityofarcata.org. Emailed comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting, they will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and included in the written record of the meeting. Any questions or comments regarding this notice should be directed to Joe Mateer, Senior Planner, at 707-825-2139 or jmateer@cityofarcata.org. 1/31

SCENE



HOME COOKIN' performs Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Carlo Theater in Blue Lake. SUBMITTED PHOTO

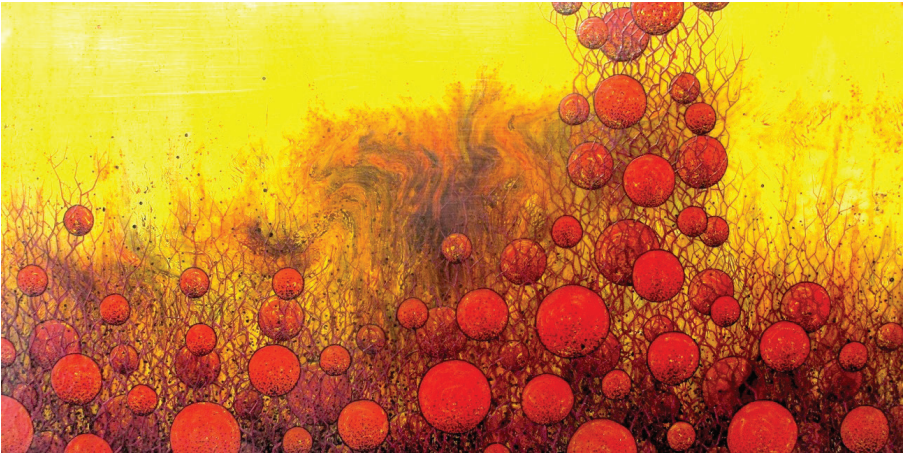
Dance at Dell'Arte during benefit concert

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – Bring your dancing shoes! Dell'Arte International hosts a lively concert on Saturday, Feb. 10 with two local dance bands, Home Cookin' and The Appliances. The show is a benefit for the school and takes place in the Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in downtown Blue Lake. Concessions will be available onsite. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.
Home Cookin' offers a diverse list of originals and classics steeped in reggae, rhythm and blues and classic rock. The band, composed of Joyce Hough (guitar, vocals), Fred Neighbor (guitar, vocals), Gary Davidson (bass, vocals) and Mike LaBolle (drums,vocals) are established veterans of Humboldt County music. Each of the musicians have been involved in past Dell'Arte productions.
The Appliances, known as a popular dance band in Northern Humboldt since the '90s, play a wide spectrum of music including soul, rockabilly, reggae, Zydeco, early rock and roll and world beat. The Appliances members are Joyce Hough (vocals, guitar), Fred Neighbor (vocals, guitar), Gary Davidson (bass, vocals), Jeff Landen (vocals, guitar), Paul DeMark (drums), and Michael Stephenson (keys).
To purchase tickets, \$15, visit dellarte.com. Patrons must be 21 and over. (707) 502-2108

Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE
FERNDALE – Ferndale Repertory Theatre (FRT) continues its 2023 - 2024 season with the Tony award winning musical comedy, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*.
The show opens on Friday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and continues on Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 25. On Sunday there are matinees at 2 p.m.
A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder is a comedic thriller filled with non-stop laughs, unforgettable characters, and stunning musical numbers.
When low-born Monty Navarro discovers he is an heir to the D'Ysquith family fortune, he sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm... and a dash of murder. But what of love? Because murder isn't the only thing on Monty's mind. *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is sure to leave you dying for more!
For tickets visit ferndalerep.org or call (707) 786-5483. Tickets are \$18 general, \$16 for students and seniors.

AT PLAZA GRILL Art by Arcata artist Sierra Martin is now on display at Plaza Grill, 791 Eighth St. in Arcata. According to the artist "These pieces are constructed out of paper, ink, acrylic paint, glue, wood, sand, and modge podge. My work is an attempt to explore a pure aesthetic unencumbered by representation or any overt meaning. The individual works are unfitted to avoid placing unnecessary context that might affect the viewers judgment of their aesthetic merits. sierramartinart.com SUBMITTED PHOTO



AFROMAN performs Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Rapper Joseph Edgar Foreman, better known by his stage name Afroman, is hip-hop figure, singer, songwriter, political candidate and comedian. He is best known for his 2000 single *Because I Got High* and its follow-up, the 2001 single *Crazy Rap*. Both songs were featured on his album *The Good Times*. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$25 in advance at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, Feb. 1 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Andy Stodola reforms Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

INT'NL FOLK DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, international folk dance party, Friday, Feb. 2 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St. in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of international music with Chubritza. \$5 to 10 sliding scale, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734. humboldtfolkdancers.org.

NIGHT OF COMEDY with Stoney McBlaze and Friends takes place Friday, Feb. 2 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Austin Kress is a Los Angeles based comedian best known for his viral TikTok and Instagram character "Stoney McBlaze." His standup blends stoner misadventures and poking fun at his Christian/homeschooled upbringing. Ray Lau is a Chinese-American stand-up comedian based in Los Angeles.

Sam Skolnik is a comedian, writer, actor and filmmaker. Doors open at 8 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

DIVA BURLESQUE ARCATA will take place Friday, Feb. 2 at the Exit Theatre at 890 G St., second floor, Arcata. The monthly show of local burlesque performers in February featuring a with local performers curated by Petite Felicite with emcee Mama T. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. (415) 203-2516, theexit.org

RUBY RUTH AND MULE RANCH will perform Saturday, Feb. 3 at Wrangletown Cider Company, 931 I St. Arcata. Mule Ranch is an Americana country band featuring local singer songwriter Ruby Ruth George (previously George Ruth) singing soulful originals and classic country covers. They are backed by the talented Rich Kearns on lead guitar, Jesse Jonathon on drums and Brian Powell on bass. With Brett McFarland. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25at the door. (707) 508-5175, wrangletowncidercompany.com

BLU EGYPTIAN performs Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. West coast indie groove sensations Blü Egyptian are based out of Northern California. In three years, Blü Egyptian has played almost 300 shows, establishing themselves as one of the most promising upcoming bands on the West Coast jam band scene. Their ever-growing fanbase, known as the Blü Crü, continues to pack venues far and wide turning any room into the ultimate dance party. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS,

humbrews.com
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE performs Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. For this West Coast run, Civil Disobedience's lineup unites two regulars: Grammy-nominated saxophonist (and David Bowie alumnus) Donny McCaslin and living drum legend Victor Lewis, with two gifted subs, New York-based trumpeter Brandon Lee and veteran pianist David Kikoski. Hear this all-star band connect an earlier era's messages of social justice with the issues, both domestic and global, of today. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 8. All Ages. Tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the door. (707) 822-1575, arcataplayhouse.org

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS perform Saturday, Feb. 3 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin' it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

THE JIM LAHMAN BAND Band performs Saturday, Feb. 3 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local sounds of blues, jazz, funk and rock 'n' roll courtesy of the Jim Lahman Band. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

COMING UP
• Tony Furtado with Luke Price performs at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
• Lil Xan performs at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m.
• Mickey Avalon performs at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 p.m.
• Gov't Mule performs at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.

French toast and jazz brunch Sunday in Arcata

THE SANCTUARY
ARCATA – The Sanctuary in Arcata has done it again! The unique community art spot at 1301 J St. will be offering a one of a kind event on Sunday, Feb. 4 – a French Toast and Jazz brunch.
There is a \$10 to \$25 cover which will go the the amazing musicians.

There will be spectacular food and coffee and tea are free with vegan and gluten free options while supplies last. Doors open at 10 a.m., music and food until 2 p.m.
The band will be a quintet of top local jazz players playing three long sets of toe-tapping, swinging jazz. Guests will be invited to sit in between sets on select numbers.
The front line horn section will be virtuoso trombonist and superb vocalist James Zeller and recent local transplant of mystery, the enigmatic "Tree." on jazz viola, chromatic harp and perhaps alto and baritone saxophone. The all-star local rhythm section will be made up of Gabe Lubowe on piano, Danny Gaon on upright bass and Ramsey Isaacs.

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